

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Like ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor antagonists have an effect on the renin-angiotensin system. ACE inhibitors exert their effects earlier in the renin-angiotensin pathway than do angiotensin II receptor antagonists. Given the similarities in modes of action and overall effects caused by individual members of these two classes of compounds, it is believed that an angiotensin II receptor antagonist might be effectively used as an alternative (or substitute) for an ACE inhibitor in the prevention of AF in a subject with chronic heart failure. Suitable angiotensin II receptor antagonists include the following: losartan (Cozaar®), candesartan (Atacand®), irbesartan (Avapro®), telmisartan (Micardis®), valsartan (Diovan®) and eprosartan (Teveten®).